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CULVER, John C. - Representative - Democrat - Iowa

Biographic:

Culver, Democrat of Marion, representing 2nd District; aged 32; attorney; elected to US Congress, 11/3/64.

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Information in Bureau Files:

Check of Bufiles disclosed no information identifiable with Culver. NOV 1964. Byltr 2/19/65, Director acknowledged Culver's of 2/17 extending an invitation on behalf of Knights of Columbus for Director to speak in Dubuque, Iowa, sometime this year, & stated not possible to accept additional commitments in foreseeable future due to pressure of official business. On 2/25/65, Repr. Culver was personally visited by SA Hobson H. Adcock in accord with Director's program of having new members of Congress contacted where advisable. Culver was friendly & seemed appreciative of fact Mr. Hoover would have a representative of Bureau meet with him. He said he would be happy to cooperate with FBI in matters of mutual interest & that he would have no hesitancy in calling on Bureau if he felt it could be of service to him.

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TO DIRECTOR/ ATTENTION EMPLOYEES SECTION AND SPECIAL INQUIRY SECTION.
FROM OMAHA 4P

JOHN CHESTER CULVER, SPIN.

RE BUREAU PHONE CALL TO OMAHA TODAY.

JOHN CHESTER CULVER, BORN AUGUST EIGHT THIRTYTWO, ROCHESTER,
MINNESOTA, SIX FEET TWO INCHES, TWO HUNDRED TWENTY POUNDS, CAME TO
CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA, AS AN INFANT WHEN ABOUT TWO YEARS OLD. HE ATTENDED
GRADE SCHOOL IN CEDAR RAPIDS AND GRADUATED FROM FRANKLIN HIGH SCHOOL
THERE IN NINETEEN FIFTY. HE WAS A STAR FOOTBALL PLAYER AND WAS NAMED
TO THE ALL-CITY AND WAS HONORABLE MENTION ON THE ALL-STATE TEAM. HE
PLAYED FOOTBALL (FULLBACK) AT HARVARD UNIVERSITY AND WAS CONSIDERED
AN ALL-TIME FOOTBALL GREAT THERE. HE HOLDS THE MODERN SCORING
RECORD AT HARVARD AND WAS NAMED TO THE ALL-AMERICAN ACADEMIC TEAM.
HE WAS NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE DRAFT CHOICE IN FIFTYTHREE. HE WAS
ON THE DEAN'S LIST ALL THE WAY THROUGH AND GRADUATED FROM HARVARD
CUM LAUDE IN AMERICAN GOVERNMENT IN FIFTYFOUR AND WROTE HIS SENIOR
HONORS THESIS ON "THE PROBLEMS OF REAPPORTIONMENT: THE IOWA STORY".

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UPON GRADUATION HE WAS AWARDED THE LIONEL DE JERSEY HARVARD SCHOLARSHIP AND STUDIED FOR A YEAR AT CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY IN ENGLAND (NINETEEN FIFTYFIVE). HE SERVED THIRTYNINE MONTHS (SEPTEMBER FIFTYFIVE TO DECEMBER FIFTYEIGHT) IN THE MARINES AND SAW DUTY WITH THE FIRST DIVISION AND WAS IN THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS. HE REACHED THE RANK OF FIRST LIEUTENANT AND IS NOW A CAPTAIN IN THE RESERVE. AFTER DISCHARGE, HE OPERATED THE CULVER RENT-A-CAR IN CEDAR RAPIDS DURING THE PERIOD DECEMBER FIFTYEIGHT TO SEPTEMBER FIFTYNINE. HE RETURNED TO HARVARD LAW SCHOOL IN FIFTYNINE. HE SERVED AS DEAN OF MEN, HARVARD UNIVERSITY, SUMMER SCHOOL IN NINETEEN SIXTY. GRADUATED FROM HARVARD LAW SCHOOL IN SIXTYTWO AND IS NOW A MEMBER OF THE IOWA AND LINN COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATIONS. HE IS A MEMBER OF THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CEDAR RAPIDS. HE SERVED AS LEGAL ASSISTANT TO SENATOR EDWARD TH KENNEDY DURING THE PERIOD NOVEMBER SIXTYTWO TO SEPTEMBER SIXTYTHREE. FROM SIXTYTHREE TO JANUARY SIXTYFIVE HE RESIDED IN MARION, IOWA, AND PRACTICED LAW IN CEDAR RAPIDS, WITH THE FIRM OF MC GUIRE, BERNAU AND CULBER. IN ADDITION TO HIS HONORS THESIS ON IOWA REAPPORTIONMENT, MR. CULVER IS THE AUTHOR OF ARTICLES ON HIGHER EDUCATION AND PROBLEMS ON AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT. THESE WERE APPARENTLY BASED ON HIS EXPERIENCE
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CORRECTION PAGE TWO LINE SEVENTEEN FIRST WORD SHOULD BE "CULVER".
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AND EXTENSIVE TRAVELS IN ENGLAND, EUROPE, AFRICA, THE MIDDLE EAST, AND ASIA. IN SIXTYTHREE HE ACCCOMPANIED THE U. S. AGRICULTURE TRADING NEGOTIATIONG MISSION TO GENEVA AS AN OBSERVER FOR SENATOR KENNEDY. CULBER HAS BEEN A PERSONAL FRIEND OF SENATOR KENNEDY SINCE CULVER WAS A FRESHMAN. HIS FATHER IS THE LATE WILLIAM CULVER, A CEDAR RAPIDS BUSINESSMAN WHO OPERATED THE CULVER MOTOR COMPANY FOR OVER TWENTY YEARS. HIS MOTHER STILL RESIDES IN CEDAR RAPIDS. CULVER MARRIED [REDACTED] WHERE HER PARENTS TAUGHT SCHOOL FOR MANY YEARS. CONGRESSMAN CULVER HAS THREE DAUGHTERS,

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FAMILY RESIDED WHILE IN IOWA AT ONE SIX ZERO NINE TENTY STREET, MARION
[REDACTED] AS WELL AS
[REDACTED] AND WAS [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] HIS SISTER, [REDACTED] IS MARRIED TO
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CONGRESSMAN CULVER WAS REPORTED SOME MONTHS AGO TO HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN AN ALTERCATION WITH POLICE OFFICERS IN WASHINGTON, D.C. THIS INCIDENT OCCURRED DURING HIS RESIDENCE IN D.C. AS CONGRESSMAN.
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INFORMATION IN THIS MATTER WAS FURNISHED BY [REDACTED] AN
ESTABLISHED SOURCE, CEDAR RAPIDS, TO SA ANDREW P. BUGAS.

OMAHA INDICES CONTAIN NO UNFAVORABLE DATA IDENTIFIABLE WITH
JOHN CHESTER CULVER.

AS BACKGROUND INFORMATION SET OUT IS COMPLETE, NO REPORT IS BEING
SUBMITTED, UACB.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
 ATTENTION: EMPLOYEES SECURITY AND
 SPECIAL INQUIRY SECTION

FROM: SAC, OMAHA (RUC)

SUBJECT: JOHN CHESTER CULVER
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Re Bureau phone call, 9/2/66.

The Bureau is advised that this particular source
is [redacted][redacted] and who is considered completely reliable and
trustworthy and is an established source.b6
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Source recalled local news item in the Cedar Rapids Gazette and a search disclosed an item appearing in April, 1965, relating to an episode in which CULVER was involved in a scuffle with the Washington police on Friday night, 4/2/65. The article in part quoted a statement issued on behalf of CULVER which disclosed he had spent the evening in the company of a constituent and after dropping him off at his hotel he called a taxi and gave the driver his home address in Chevy Chase, Maryland. He dozed off in the back seat for the drive home, which normally takes about thirty minutes. The next thing he knew he was being roughly pulled out of the taxi and manhandled by several men in civilian clothes who he later learned were plainclothes detectives. Upon being so abruptly awakened he instinctively reacted to resist what appeared to be a criminal attack. A brief scuffle ensued and he then proceeded without opportunity for explanation. He was taken to the Eighth Precinct Station House in Washington, where he identified himself as a Congressman. Police drew red lines

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through his name on the arrest book. CULVER "expunged them thoroughly with a ball point".

The statement further disclosed that once identities were established everyone was apologetic and no charges were made by anyone. The incident came to light Friday afternoon in a press conference called by CULVER. The only injury apparently suffered was a wrenched back by HAROLD D. BOWERS, Desk Sergeant, Washington Eighth Precinct Station. He was treated at the Police Clinic.

The Cedar Rapids article further reflected that release of the incident apparently was triggered by a telephone call Thursday to the Washington Post. The Post reported that a woman who refused to identify herself demanded to know why the newspaper printed a small item about a precinct policeman who was fined \$150.00 by a trial board and not a line about a Senator being arrested out in Number Eight.

Source advised basis for local article was front page story of the Washington Post dated 4/10/65 written by ALFRED E. LEWIS, Washington Post staff writer. He recalled that a rather complete account of all pertinent details appeared in that article. He stated further that similar data was published in the Chicago Tribune and the Des Moines Register on the same date. He believed the latter two news articles were based on the Washington Post source.

The above data is being transmitted by mail in view of information received from the Bureau on 9/2/66 that similar information had been located through Washington, D. C., sources.

September 2, 1966

BY LIAISON

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Gale
1 - Mr. Cleveland
1 - Mr. Burke

Honorable Marvin Watson
Special Assistant to the President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Watson:

In accordance with your request of September 1, 1966, the following background data has been developed concerning John Chester Culver, United States Representative from Iowa.

Representative Culver was born on August 8, 1932, in Rochester, Minnesota. When not attending college or serving in the Armed Forces, he has been residing in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, since infancy. He attended the Undergraduate School of Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts, receiving an A.B. degree cum laude in 1954. REC-26

He played football at Harvard University and was considered an all-time football great there. He holds the modern scoring record at Harvard and was named to the All-American Academic Team. He was a National Football League draft choice in 1953. He was on the Dean's List all the way through. Upon Representative Culver's graduation from Harvard University in 1954 he was awarded the Lionel de Jersey Harvard Scholarship and he studied at Cambridge University, Cambridge, England. From September, 1955, until December, 1958, Representative Culver served in the United States Marine Corps. He reached the rank of first lieutenant and he is now serving in an inactive duty status as a captain in the United States Marine Corps Reserve.

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From December, 1958, until September, 1959, Representative Culver operated a rent-a-car service, Cedar Rapids, Iowa. He enrolled at Harvard University Law School in 1959 and attended until 1962, receiving an LL. B. degree. During the Summer of 1960 he served as Dean of Men at Harvard University.

From November, 1962, until September, 1963, he served as legal assistant to Edward M. Kennedy, United States Senator from Massachusetts. Thereafter, until January, 1965, he resided in Marion, Iowa, and engaged in the practice of law. He was affiliated with the law firm of McGuire, Bernau and Culver, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

He was elected to the United States 89th Congress on November 3, 1964, and he is presently serving in that capacity.

His father, now deceased, operated the Culver Motor Company in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, for many years. His mother continues to reside in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. His [redacted] is married to [redacted]

[redacted] Representative Culver is married to the former [redacted]

[redacted] They have three daughters, [redacted]

The "Washington Daily News" dated April 10, 1965, contained a news item headed by a quote line "I Was Dead Tired." The news item was captioned "Representative Culver Explains Police Incident," and indicates the United States Congressman from Iowa admitted on April 9, 1965, scuffling with Number Eight Precinct policemen who a week before pulled him sound asleep from a cab.

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Honorable Marvin Watson

According to the news item, Representative John C. Culver, aged 32, Democrat of Iowa, called reporters to his office and explained that on the prior Friday night with several constituents he went to several places, had drinks and fell asleep while en route to his Chevy Chase home.

The cab driver, not being able to find the address and not being able to arouse the fare, drove to Precinct Number Eight. The desk clerk and four precinct detectives pulled him from the cab. Awakening, he felt he was being attacked by a man in civilian clothes. He was charged with disorderly conduct.

When they found who he was and heard his explanation, Captain O'Connell of the Eighth Precinct drew a single line through the entry on the arrest book. Representative Culver picked up a ball point pen and marked all over the entry.

A similar article appeared in the April 10, 1965, issue of the "Evening Star."

Representative Culver, his wife and children presently reside at 4619 Dorset Avenue, Chevy Chase, Maryland.

Information has been received from the Metropolitan Police Department and the United States Park Police, both Washington, D. C., and the Montgomery County, Maryland, Police Department indicating that their files contain no information concerning Representative Culver.

The central files of the FBI, including the files of the Identification Division, contain no additional pertinent information concerning Representative Culver.

No investigation of Representative Culver has been conducted by the FBI, and the above background information has been obtained from public source records.

Sincerely yours,

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ReBu telephone call to WFO 9/2/66.

On 9/2/66, IC [redacted] determined that the files of the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) contained no record regarding CULVER; at all times an indefinite number of unidentified records are out of file and not available for review.

On 9/2/66, IC [redacted], searched the files of the U. S. Park Police and no record regarding CULVER was disclosed.

IC [redacted] caused a search to be made of the files of the Montgomery County, Maryland, Police Department, and was advised on 9/2/66, that the files contained no record regarding CULVER.

The "Washington Daily News" dated 4/10/65 contained a news item headed by a quote line "I Was Dead Tired." The news item was captioned "Rep. CULVER Explains Police Incident."

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The U. S. Congressman from Iowa admitted on 4/9/65 scuffling with five 8th Precinct policemen who pulled him sound asleep from a cab a week before.

Representative JOHN C. CULVER, 32, Democrat of Iowa, called reporters to his office and explained that on the prior Friday night with several constituents he went to several places, had drinks and fell asleep while en route to his Chevy Chase home.

The cab driver not being able to find the address and not being able to rouse the fare drove to Precinct #8. The Desk Clerk and four precinct detectives pulled him from the cab. Awakened, he felt he was being attacked by men in civilian clothes. He was charged with disorderly conduct.

According to Captain O'CONNELL of the 8th Precinct when they found who he was and heard his explanation drew a single line through the entry on the arrest book. CULVER picked up the ballpen and marked all over the entry.

The files of the "Evening Star" Library as checked on September 2, 1966, revealed that an article appeared in the "Evening Star" Newspaper datelined 4/10/65, entitled, "Congressman Describes Scuffle With Police." The article indicated that the following events came to light a week after the episode occurred. Congressman CULVER of Iowa stated he had been to dinner at the LeBistro Restaurant with a group of constituents and had taken a cab afterwards to his Chevy Chase home. While en route the Congressman stated he apparently dosed off.

The driver of the taxicab drove to the 8th Precinct, MPD, and told Sergeant HAROLD D. BOWERS about his sleeping fare. According to the article, Sergeant BOWERS tugged at CULVER but could not wake him and plainclothes privates ROBERT G. DENNELL and DOUGLAS C. TAYLOR came out to assist Sergeant BOWERS. CULVER stated "My first impression was that I was being attacked," said CULVER, "I resisted. There is no question about it. It was an instinctive reaction." It took five police officers to subdue him. The article stated that CULVER's identity was not discovered by the police until after they had entered his name in the arrest book.

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His name was then crossed out with a red line by the police and CULVER inked it over more thoroughly with a ballpoint pen.

Article I, Section 6, of the Constitution stipulates that Congressmen are privileged from arrest.

CULVER stated he was not proud of the episode hopeful it would not injure his career. He also stated he was sorry about Sergeant BOWERS who was treated at the police clinic the next day for a wrenched back.

The article indicated that CULVER had been a fullback on Harvard University football team.

The file also contained a clipping from the "Washington Post" datelined 4/10/65 by ALFRED E. LEWIS, Washington Post Staff Writer, captioned, "Helpful Hacker's Handful. Cabbie's Fare Turns Out To Be A REAL Sleeper." The article contained substantially the same information as reported in the "Evening Star" and quoted CULVER as stating as follows: "The first thing I knew there were these three guys I had never seen before pulling and hauling me around. I thought I was being attacked and reacted accordingly. I wasn't intoxicated. I was dead tired. I was full and then there were those drinks."

Eighth Precinct Captain JOHN O'CONNELL said two more men were required to help with the cabbie's problem and routinely CULVER's belt was taken off and all personal effects were removed from his pockets. CULVER's name and address was inscribed in the arrest book twice. When the police learned he was a Congressman they asked CULVER why he did not tell them he was a Congressman and he replied, "You didn't ask me." CULVER was provided transportation to his home by the Police Department. The article indicated that CULVER had practiced law in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and later during 1962 and 1963 was Special Assistant to EDWARD M. KENNEDY. The article indicated that CULVER had played football for Harvard University and had been drafted by the Chicago Bears but had not played any professional football.

The above article contained no additional pertinent information.